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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive  
Asst. Director for Special Operations  
Asst. Director for Policy Coordination  
General Counsel  
Budget Officer

**SUBJECT:** Hardship Payments

**REFERENCE:** Paragraph 10.3, Confidential Funds Regulations

1. A report for the fiscal year 1949 of payments authorized for the relief of employees assigned to foreign stations on the basis of personal loss by reason of emergencies arising from CIA service indicates some possible laxness in the administration of the authority to approve such payments.

2. It is my desire that every such case receive the closest scrutiny by all concerned, and that payments be authorized only when there is no doubt of complete official justification therefor. Hardship cases involving personal circumstances not directly due to the official status and responsibilities of the individuals concerned will not receive favorable consideration.

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